

REMARKS

This Response is being filed within three (3) months of the date of the Final Rejection (7 May 2004) and no additional fees or petitions for extensions of time are necessary.

1. Petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.182.

Applicant has filed a Petition under 37 CFR 1.182 regarding the amendment to Applicant's claim of priority. The examiner has requested that the Applicant inform the examiner when a decision on the petition has been received. In any event, Applicant ultimately has until 7 November 2004 (six months from the mailing date of the Final Rejection) to respond further.

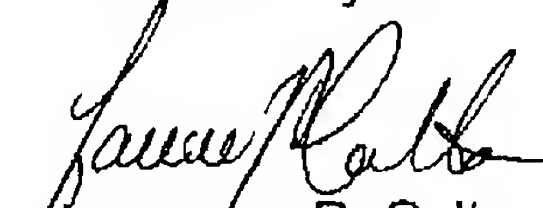
2. New Inventors Declaration.

A new (substitute) Inventors Declaration executed by the inventors and not indicating a date of amendment to the patent application is enclosed herewith in response to the examiner's request. If the USPTO or the examiner would like the original inventors declaration (rather than the copy submitted with this faxed response), please contact the below signed attorney of record and it will be mailed.

CONCLUSION

If the examiner has any final concerns that can be addressed over the telephone, please have the examiner contact the below-signed patent lawyer of record to expedite the allowance of this patent application.

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